

August 22, 2009

Nineteen Swan Rangers split into two groups Saturday, setting out from the Strawberry Lake and Peters Ridge trail heads. While a few did simple out-and-backs, the majority hiked toward each other and met along Alpine Trail #7 to share lunch and exchange car keys. This allowed both groups to continue on and hike an 8-mile-plus loop from one trail head to another with an easy car shuttle included in the deal!

It was a sunny day but cool enough for some great hiking. Contrary to earlier hikes, there were lots of great huckleberry patches along the way!

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30** for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you soon,



Keith

Photos on following pages by Keith Hammer:



The "Peters Ridge Gang" atop the Swan Crest.



The whole gang enjoying lunch together along Alpine Trail #7, although it may look instead like government health care was being debated!



The beautiful Strawberry Lake alongside Alpine Trail #7.